

7 December 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: SAA

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED] Conversation with
Mr. McConnell on 5 December 1950

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1. He started out discussion by suggesting to Mr. McConnell that we attempt to develop for him some of the special operating characteristics of our organization and to relate those to the special organizational structure and operating practices that have been developed. This was agreeable to him. Almost immediately, however, we found that it was easier to illustrate proposals by example and as a result most of the hour was spent tracing the history of Project [REDACTED] from its initial inception to current operational status. We pointed out particularly the requirements of cover and how they affected the training, communications, supply and personnel problems. Mr. McConnell's comment on leaving was that he clearly saw that his organization could help us very little in activities of this sort. He said that his people could handle such things as desks and telephones, but, clearly, they could not operate in the covert field. He said that they might, for example, go as far as to buy some [REDACTED] for us by adding our requirements to their overt purchases for guards. He doubts however that they could do much more.

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2. In closing I made the following point which I believe was understood and accepted by Mr. McConnell. [REDACTED]

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3. I suggest Mr. Miller add any comments of his own.

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